

## Leadership and Members

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*Coalition*  
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## Commissioner's Advisory Council on Health Disparity and Health Equity



*Promoting Health Equity in Virginia*

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# Commissioner's Advisory Council on Health Disparity and Health Equity (ACHDHE)

## "Promoting Health Equity in Virginia"

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### **Our Mission**

The mission of the **Commissioner's Advisory Council on Health Disparities and Health Equity (ACHDHE)** is to **promote the elimination** of health inequities among racial and ethnic minorities and other disadvantaged populations in Virginia.

### **Our Membership**

ACHDHE members are appointed for Four-year terms by the Virginia State Health Commissioner.

The committee is representative of Virginia's racial and ethnic minority and disadvantaged populations as well as other key stakeholders.

The ACHDHE includes representatives from state and local public health agencies, health care providers, consumers, colleges and universities, and faith and ethnic organizations.

### **Our Role**

ACHDHE members advise and make recommendations to the State Health Commissioner on:

- Strategies and policies to promote health equity, with particular attention to:
  - VDH programs, policies, and initiatives;
  - Emerging health equity issues.

### **Our History**

Virginia's State Health Commissioner created the Minority Health Advisory Committee (MHAC) in 1990 to promote and advocate for the elimination of health inequities among all racial and ethnic minorities and other disadvantaged populations in Virginia. The name was changed to the Minority Health and Health Equity Advisory Committee (MHHEAC) in 2010.

In an effort to better reflect our mission and goals, the MHHEAC name was changed to the Commissioner's Advisory Council on Health Disparity and Health Equity (ACHDHE) in 2013.

The ACHDHE remains committed to promoting health equity, including addressing the social determinants of health.

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*"The Virginia Department of Health's (VDH) mission of protecting and promoting the health of Virginians can only be carried out through the collaborative efforts of all people in Virginia.*

*The State Health Commissioner is thankful to the members of the **Advisory Council on Health Disparity and Health Equity** for volunteering their talents and expertise to assure that VDH and its partners create the conditions in which all people in the Commonwealth have opportunity to be healthy."*

**Dr. Marissa J. Levine**  
**State Health Commissioner**